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QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKS ON UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL AND MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ATTACKS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, France, Hungary, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace" 1/ and General Assembly resolution 47/120 B of 20 September 1993,

Recalling also its resolution 47/72 of 14 December 1992,

Gravely concerned at the increasing number of attacks on United Nations personnel which have caused death or serious injury,

Recalling the statement made by the President of the Security Council, on behalf of the Council, on 31 March 1993, 2/ in which the Security Council, inter alia, recognized the need for all relevant bodies of the Organization to take concerted action to enhance the safety and security of United Nations forces and personnel,

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1/ A/47/277-S/24111.

2/ See S/25493.

Recalling further the report of the Special Committee on Peace-keeping Operations, 3/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 27 August 1993 on the security of United Nations operations, 4/

Recalling Security Council resolution 868 (1993) of 29 September 1993,

Noting with appreciation the draft proposals submitted by the delegations of New Zealand 5/ and Ukraine 6/ under this item,

Welcoming the oral report of the Chairman of the Working Group established under the item, 7/

1. Decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention dealing with the safety and security of United Nations and associated personnel, with particular reference to responsibility for attacks on such personnel;

2. Decides further that the Ad Hoc Committee shall be authorized to hold a session from 28 March to 8 April 1994 and, if the Ad Hoc Committee itself so decides, to hold a further session from 1 to 12 August 1994, to prepare the text of a draft convention, taking into account any suggestions and proposals from States as well as comments and suggestions that the Secretary-General may wish to provide on this subject, and bearing in mind views expressed during the debate on this item at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Ad Hoc Committee with the necessary facilities for the performance of its work;

4. Requests the Ad Hoc Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on progress made towards the elaboration of the draft convention;

5. Recommends that a working group be re-established in the framework of the Sixth Committee at its forty-ninth session in the event that further work is required for the elaboration of the draft convention;

3/ A/48/173.

4/ A/48/349-S/26358.

5/ A/C.6/48/L.2

6/ A/C.6/48/L.3.

7/ See A/C.6/48/SR.29.

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice".